

TO THE HONOURABLE
The Knights, Citizens, and Burgesseſſes
in the High Court of

PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

*The humble Petition of the numerous Creditors of the
Goldsmiths concerned in the late stop of the Exchequer.*

Sheweth,


THAT by Act of this present Parliament, in the Nineteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign that now is, it was established, That every person to whom any Moneys should be due in His Majesty's Exchequer, and that had there any Order registered for the payment thereof out of any Branch of his Majesties Revenue, might assign his Right and Interest in such Order, and thereupon his Assignee should be entituled to the Benefit of such Order and Payment thereon.

That upon the Credit and Invitation of the said Act (your Petitioners well observing the Goldsmiths to be within the qualifications thereof) some of your Petitioners placed the greatest part, others the whole of their Estates in the said Goldsmiths hands, who made good Payments to your Petitioners, until the Moneys due to the same Goldsmiths out of the Exchequer were otherwise diverted and obstructed, contrary to the meaning and encouragements of the said Act of Parliament.

That His Sacred Majesty, out of his Royal Sympathy and just Resentments of his Subjects Sufferings herein, and to their great joy and comfort, did in April last by his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England, graciously settle the said Debt to the Goldsmiths and your Petitioners for ever, upon his hereditary part of the Excise, to be paid by way of a perpetual Interest.

That notwithstanding your Petitioners (consisting for the most part of Widows, Orphans, Aged People, Tradesmen, Sufferers for Loyalty, and other helpless and necessitous Persons) cannot supply their pressing Occasions, or drive on their Trades by assigning their said Debts, without great Defalcations and Abatements, to their utter ruines, unless the same Debts be confirmed by a National Sanction and Consent.

Your Petitioners do therefore most humbly implore the Justice as well as Compassion of this Honourable House, in order to a speedy and firm Establishment of this Debt for ever, by Act of Parliament; either by confirming the Kings said Letters Patents, or by such other ways and means as shall seem most expedient to your great wisdoms.

And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.

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